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SUBJECT: FLNC COMMUNIQUE ALLEGES PRESENCE OF BELGIAN, FRENCH AND
U.S. TROOPS IN SHABA

REF: BRUSSELS 3145

1. MARCH 31 BELGIAN PRESS REPORTS THAT FLNC REPRESENTATIVE IN FRANCE
TELEPHONED BELGIAN WIRE SERVICE BELGA WITH "COMMUNIQUE" ASSERTING THA
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SIX COMPANIES OF FOREIGN TROOPS - TWO AMERICAN, TWO FRENCH, AND
TWO BELGIAN - ARRIVED IN KOLWEZI MARCH 27 DRESSED IN FAZ UNIFORMS.
PRESS REPORTED FLNC SAID THIS CONSTITUTED "INTERNATIONALIZATION OF
THE CONFLICT." ACCORDING TO BELGA, FLNC SAID THAT SINCE WESTERN AID
HAD NOW GONE BEYOND "SIMPLE SUPPORT THROUGH THE SENDING OF ARMS,"
FLNC MUST "REVIEW ITS ATTITUDE." FLNC CONCLUDED WITH A TOAST THAT
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ITS TROOPS WERE "WELL TRAINED" AND THE OUTSIDE "INTERVENTION COULD
NOT CHANGE THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND."

2. BELGIAN MFA SPOKESMAN DISMISSED THE FLNC ALLEGATION AS
"ABSOLUTELY REDICULOUS." WE HAVE NOT BEEN QUERIED BY PRESS
BUT ARE PREPARED, IF ASKED, TO ECHO MFA DENIAL. WE WOULD
WELCOME COPY OF CONTINGENCY PRESS COMMENT PRESUMABLY BEING

DEVELOPED IN THE DEPARTMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. RENNER

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